



## CONCORDIA THE REFORMER SEMINARY



- *Forming pastors to be evangelists, shepherds and teachers*
- *Rigorous course of study for pastors and deaconesses*
- *Ongoing capital improvements needed to maintain and upgrade facilities*

Since the opening of Concordia the Reformer Seminary in the Dominican Republic in 2017, the institution has focused on preparing men to be evangelists, shepherds and teachers. In just a few short years, thirty well-trained theologians have graduated and are planting Lutheran churches across Latin America. Some 50 men currently attend residential and online pastoral formation classes. Two Haitian men previously enrolled in the residential program are continuing their studies online with the closure of the Dominican/Haitian border. Two more Haitian students are studying Spanish online in preparation for their pastoral formation classes.

The deaconess program has produced 99 graduates, with over 70 more women enrolled. In addition, online pre-seminary courses are up and running. Plans are for a Lutheran teacher training program to be rolled out in the coming year.

The seminary hosts an annual symposium to provide for ongoing theological education, discourse, fellowship and encouragement for Spanish-speaking theologians. In addition, a similar opportunity for students in the online pastoral formation program (FPH) has become an annual event.

Solar panels help provide consistent power and internet so that professors can teach classes online that reach students in the region's remote areas. Additionally, a sizeable theological library was dedicated in 2021 to provide students with access to great theological works.

This project provides ongoing care and improvements for the seminary's physical plant so that it can meet the needs of the constant flow of students and our changing world.

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